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SENATOR MURPHY: There are a great many men in this body who are too young to remember who died first in Africa. It was not the National Guard. Who was called first to Korea? It was not the National Guard. We can dump millions of dollars into splitting our prison systems, into splitting our university systems ... millions of dollars, but we cannot concede to men who are going to be the first to die in the event of a conflict, who are going to be the most capable to defend all of us in the event of a conflict, not a tornado, a conflict. We are going to deny to them the privilege of sitting in a lot of empty seats in our college systems. I think that is about as far ahead of the horse as you can get the cart. I think it's unfortunate that this bill has had to be brought up again. I certainly support Senator Carsten.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Someone mentioned the fact that the fiscal impact was \$65,000. If you look in your bill book you'll see that that was based strictly on UNO and UNL, not only tech. colleges. It came out \$20,000 on our fiscal staff ... fiscal note on the bottom of that you'll find. If it was over \$50,000 you'll find an A bill with it, under \$50,000 it does not have to have.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Maybe I'm talking out of turn. I haven't been paying attention. I just want to call your attention to one aspect of this, if you open it up in this area I just want you to remember you're going to open it up for the Air Force Reserves, Navy Reserves and on and on it goes. You know what we're confronted with year after year in this body it's money. Just bear that in mind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I just think this is another component of people who give volunteer of their time, they also specifically take from their own families and schedules to attend meetings. I think this little incentive of being able to have this boosted partially by tuition should be one of the things that this Legislature could extend. I would hope that the Legislature will pass this bill on Final Reading and that you'll not strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, did you wish to be recognized again? Senator Chambers, would you close debate on your motion please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes I will. I think Senator Skarda's comment would have been an appropriate closing had he been the one to close the discussion. Just keep in mind what is being done here today. I've heard a lot of complaints about the federal government saying if you don't enact such and such a regulation federal funds will be withheld. The federal government has enough money to support any program that it feels worthy of maintaining. If this unit is not to be supported by the federal government, I say again, all of these people in these units can join the National Guard. If there are incentives in the National Guard that would give them basically the same thing, because that's what the argument